

Covid Update Narrative March 8, 2021

Select Board member Anthony Vegnani said the board would be tackling the budget at its meeting Tuesday (March 9). Check scituatema.gov for details. The Annual Town Meeting is expected to be held April 12.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said that Gov. Baker has added teachers and school staff to those currently eligible for Covid vaccinations, along with those 65 and over or those who have two or more comorbidities. Check mass.gov/covid for more details.

Boudreau said Scituate is still working to see if the state will allow the town to administer vaccines to teachers and school personnel that could expedite the process.

He said the vaccines would be administered in the same manner as was done for public safety personnel and first responders.

The town expects to receive the second doses of the vaccine administered at the clinic held recently at the Harbor Community Center on Friday. Boudreau said those who received their first vaccination at the Harbor Community Center will be notified when to get the second dose.

The Marshfield fairgrounds is a regional vaccination site. You must sign up on the state website. Check back regularly for updates. The state mass vaccination sites' appointment availability at Gillette and Fenway Park are updated on Thursdays.

Anyone having a hard time getting an appointment, can call the state help line at 2-1-1 or the Scituate Senior Center at 781-545-8722.

Boudreau said the town had 30 new Covid cases over the past week; that is up from 22 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 1.76 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate is still in the "yellow" on the state positivity map.

The state has removed capacity restrictions from restaurants. However, they must maintain social distancing of 6 feet between tables, tables are limited to 6 people with a 90-minute time limit.

Gyms and indoor centers can reopen at 50 percent capacity. Check mass.gov/covid for more details.

If the Covid numbers continue to go down, the state will allow limited seating at Fenway Park and the TD Garden starting March 22.

Widows Walk will be closing its winter activities on Sunday evening to prepare for the opening of the golf season April 1. That means no more walking or walking dogs along the course.

The Cole Parkway pilings project is in full swing and should be finished by the start of the boating season. The new system will allow the docks to remain in place over the winter.

The Cedar Point sewer project is moving along. Boudreau urged people to avoid the area unless they live there.

The staff has moved into the new Senior Center, which will open to the public April 1, depending on Covid. Landscaping has to wait until spring. The Veterans Services Officer is moving to the Senior Center.

Water Department flushing has begun and is currently focused on the North Scituate area and will continue all spring throughout town. Details are on the website: scituatema.gov. Residents can expect some discolored water when their neighborhoods are flushed. Call the Water Department at 781-545-8735 with questions.

Boudreau said the survey about what to do with the Harbor Community Building (former Pier 44) will stay online for a few more days. There have been 947 responses so far and he is hoping for upwards of 1,000.

There are signs with QR codes outside Town Hall, the library, and the community center. By scanning in the QR code, a resident can respond to the survey on their phone.

Supt. of Schools William Burkhead Bill said the schools had eight Covid cases last week for a total of 160 since the start of the school year.

News from the School Committee meeting March 8 will be posted on the website: scituate.k12.ma.us that will include news about students returning to in-person learning fulltime.

Burkhead students have returned to in-person learning on Wednesdays which had been a fully remote day. He described the schools having “excitement in the air” as the students get back physically to school.